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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

HOUSE FILE 2277
BY KREIMAN

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the eligibility of persons to serve as
2 trustees of a county public hospital.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 347.9, Code Supplement 2001, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 347.9 TRUSTEES -- APPOINTMENT -- TERMS OF OFFICE.

4 When it has been determined by the voters of a county to
5 establish a county public hospital, the board shall appoint
6 seven trustees chosen from among the resident citizens of the
7 county with reference to their fitness for office, and not
8 more than four of the trustees shall be residents of the city
9 at which the hospital is located. The trustees shall hold
10 office until the following general election, at which time
11 their successors shall be elected, two for a term of two
12 years, two for four years, and three for six years, and they
13 shall determine by lot their respective terms, and thereafter
14 their successors shall be elected for regular terms of six
15 years each. A person or spouse of a person with medical or
16 special staff privileges in the county public hospital or who
17 receives direct or indirect compensation in an amount greater
18 than one thousand five hundred dollars in a calendar year from
19 the county public hospital or direct or indirect compensation
20 in an amount greater than one thousand five hundred dollars in
21 a calendar year from a person contracting for services with
22 the hospital shall not be eligible to serve as a trustee for
23 that county public hospital. However, this section does not
24 prohibit a licensed health care practitioner from serving as a
25 hospital trustee if the practitioner's sole use of the county
26 hospital is to provide health care service to an individual
27 with mental retardation as defined in section 222.2. In
28 addition, in counties having a population of less than fifteen
29 thousand, this section does not prohibit a person from serving
30 as a county hospital trustee if the person's spouse is an
31 emergency medical care provider as defined in section 147A.1
32 at that county hospital.

33 EXPLANATION

34 This bill provides that, in counties having a population of
35 less than 15,000, a person is not prohibited from serving as a

1 county hospital trustee if the person's spouse is an emergency
2 medical care provider as defined in Code section 147A.1 at
3 that county hospital.

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